

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information recording apparatus, an information reproducing apparatus, an information recording/reproducing apparatus, a digital broadcasting receiving apparatus and methods therefor to facilitate skip playback in reproducing a stream of packets recorded in a storage device. In recording a stream in a storage device, a packet containing a start part of encoded image data subjected to intra-frame coding is identified from the input stream of packets, presence or absence information of the start part of the encoded image data subjected to intra-frame coding is added to the packet on the basis of an identified result, the added presence or absence information of the start part is counted in a recording unit onto the storage device, and the count result is added in the recording unit onto the storage device, whereby the number of start parts of the encoded image data subjected to intra-frame coding in every recording unit, together with the recording unit, can be recorded on the storage device. In playback, the number of start parts recorded in a recording unit on the storage device is detected to identify the recording units to be reproduced.